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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment prior to calculating the filing fee.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-9 and add new claims 10-19, as follows:

10. (New) A washing container for a dishwashing machine, comprising:

    a container body including a plurality of assembled parts;

    a base frame part; and

    at least one cover part attached to said base frame part, said cover part including a plurality of side parts,

said side parts connected to one another at an angle to form said cover part.

11. (New) The washing container according to claim 10, including said cover part including a three side parts connected to one another to form a substantially U-shaped cover part having an open end.

12. (New) The washing container according to claim 11, including said base frame part having an upstanding side part, said upstanding side part located in said U-shaped cover part open end completing said cover part.

13. (New) The washing container according to claim 12, including said base frame part and said upstanding side part formed as a unitary assembly.

14. (New) The washing container according to claim 13, including said base frame part and said upstanding side part unitary assembly formed from a molded plastic material and said cover part formed from a corrosion-resistant material.

15. (New) The washing container according to claim 10, including said cover part is formed substantially in the shape of a peripherally closed rectangle.

16. (New) The washing container according to claim 15, including said peripherally closed rectangle cover part is formed from two substantially L-shaped side parts.

17. (New) The washing container according to claim 12, including said upstanding side part including additional retention functional elements, including at least one receptacle retention element for one of a rinsing or cleaning agent or a water softening device.

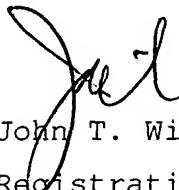
18. (New) The washing container according to claim 10, including said base frame part including a filter floor part.

19. (New) The washing container according to claim 10, including at least one of said side parts including a heat exchanger integrated therein.

REMARKS

The new claims are added to conform to US practice and to eliminate multiple dependent claims. The amendment does not add any new matter, but is merely formal in nature to place the application into better form for examination. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted

  
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